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April 10, 2022

Mr. Christopher Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20535-0001

Dear Director Wray:

I write today to respectfully request the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to determine whether any federal laws were broken, including hate crime acts as found in [18 U.S. Code § 249](#), by Mr. Dion Marsh—who was recently arrested after allegedly committing multiple crimes against members of the Orthodox Jewish community in my congressional district.

On Friday, April 8th, Mr. Marsh was taken into custody by law enforcement—who acted both decisively and professionally—and charged with multiple crimes he allegedly committed in Lakewood and Jackson, New Jersey, including three counts of attempted murder, carjacking, weapons possession, and three counts of [bias intimidation](#)—the latter raising serious concern that antisemitism may have been a motive.

As you know, the most recently available [FBI hate crime statistics](#) show that in 2020—despite accounting for approximately only [2.4 percent](#) of the U.S. adult population—55 percent of all religiously motivated hate crimes were against Jews.

According to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Jews are “consistently the most targeted religious community in the U.S. and antisemitic incidents are being reported at record levels.”

As co-chair of the [House Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Antisemitism](#) and as co-chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, I am deeply concerned that this pernicious hate—often resulting in violence—is escalating.

I respectfully ask that you open an immediate investigation into these incidences, using all appropriate federal resources at your disposal, to determine whether any hate crimes pursuant

to federal law were committed. If you have any questions or I can be of any further assistance on this matter, you can reach me at 202-225-3765.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and the last name "Smith" clearly distinguishable.

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
Member of Congress